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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 25TH, 1912.

THE "joyfullest feast" of Christendom has come round once more when the old poets bid us:

"Without the door let sorrow lie;
And if for cold it hap to die
Then bury it in a Christmas pie
And ever more be merry.

Christmas is at least a time when we practice the art of smiling more assiduously than ever; when we revive neglected friendships, forgive and forget enmities, endeavour to practice impracticable goodness of heart and behaviour; affect to recognise that "all with in the seven seas are brethren" and that every living creature within the scheme of things has its claim upon the kindest consideration of the rest. From the pulpits of many times ten thousand churches is proclaimed to-day the message of "peace: goodwill to men." The Post Office organisation is utilised for the transmission of a similar message to millions of homes throughout the wide world. A London telegram informed as a few days ago that the number of Yuletide letters sent to the Colonies this year is estimated to have been a million in excess of the number sent last year. It would be both instructive and interesting to know what is the annual product of Christmas and New Year greeting cards. The output must be enormous, and the agreeable practice of sending cards to friends at this time of the year seems to be a growing rather than a diminishing one. Present-giving also shows similar signs of growth. The telegram we have alluded to told us that there had been a record shipment of presents this year from the people in the Motherland to their kindred in the Overseas Dominions, for Christmas is essentially a Home festival, and with the growth of emigration, the cheapening of travel and of postal communication, the sending of Christmas greetings and presents grows to impressive dimensions. The marvellous ingenuity and productive capacity of manufacturers of greeting cards are equalled by the makers of the infinite variety of toys for children and "suitable presents" for adults, which crowd the shop windows at this season of the year. The character of the Christmas observance has undergone some changes with the changing times, but its essential features, as they are enshrined in our imperishable literature are established in the hearts of men and will endure as long as the race. "At Christmas play and make good cheer, for Christmas comes but once a year," counselled one of our old English poets, and the Christian world unanimously agrees to accept the advice. It is a time when the memory of many of us is apt to be tinged with sadness, as when the swift glance of the mind reveals to us the family circle from which we are divided by many thousands of miles; or again when memory conjures up sorrowful changes that these annual festivals serve to emphasise. These, however, are but fleeting thoughts: the spirit of Christmas quickly asserts itself and we either "drown sorrow in a cup of wine" or, as recommended in the lines quoted above, we contrive to "bury it in a Christmas pie," persuading ourselves that we live in the best of all possible worlds where "everybody's happy." In all sincerity we wish our readers A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

To-day being Christmas Day and a customary holiday in the European newspaper offices of the East, there will be no issue of the *Hongkong Daily Press* to-morrow.

Yesterday the American gunboat *Pathfinder* arrived here from Manila and saluted the port.

The Philippine legislature has voted half a million pesos to cover the typhoon relief expenditure made by the Central Government.

The body of a newly-born female child was found at the back of Arthur Street, Yaumati, appearances suggesting that the child died from natural causes.

The Ferris Hartmann Opera Company make a welcome return to Hongkong, opening to-morrow night with that very amusing piece, "One Night Off."

Mr. Hazeland has fixed Tuesday afternoon for his decision in the case in which a Chinese was charged with being in unlawful possession of 1,000 ounces of cocaine.

A Chinese youth jumped off a tram-car whilst it was in motion in Des Vœux Road Central, and sustained an injury to his head which necessitated his removal to the hospital.

The over-heating of firewood caused a small fire to break out in a cook-house at 183, Queen's Road West. The inmates quickly extinguished the flames, and very little damage was done.

Messrs Moutrie & Co. ask us to state that, for the convenience of the public, the box office at the City Hall will be open till 1 p.m. to-day to enable seats to be booked for the Ferris-Hartmann performances.

The Bishop of Victoria's engagements for Christmas Day are as follows:—7.45 a.m., Celebrate the Holy Communion at the Cathedral; at noon, preach and Celebrate at St. Stephen's Chinese Church in the afternoon, preside over a meeting of St. Paul's Chinese congregation, and in the evening, visit the Christmas Party for Sailors at the Seamen's Institute.

Mr. T. H. Reid, who is the joint-author of "The Malay Peninsula" (reviewed in another column), will be remembered in Hongkong as editor and part-proprietor of our senior evening contemporary. After a brief spell of journalism in London, during which time he was news editor of *The Standard*, Mr. Reid became editor of *The Straits Times*, where he doubtless laid the foundation of his knowledge of Malayan affairs. He is now connected with the Malay States Information Agency in London, but, we understand, still makes excursions into journalism, his knowledge of Far Eastern affairs having proved of service to more than one of the London dailies. It is to be hoped the success which has attended his first essay as an author will encourage him to publish something from his rich store of experience as journalist, war correspondent and traveller in the Far East. Chinese Reformers owe Mr. Reid a debt of gratitude for his steady advocacy of their cause when it was despised and derided by some who now occupy seats amongst the mighty.

CHRISTMAS IN HONGKONG.

Not for many years has there been such extensive shopping in Hongkong as was witnessed during the past few days. Most of the shops appealed to young and elderly by the displays made in the windows, and the weather being favourable large numbers of people crowded the main business thoroughfares during the day. All yesterday there seemed to be an endless procession of coolies carrying parcels, and, judging from that alone, the business done seemed to be more extensive than at previous Christmastides.

The postmen, too, were kept busy delivering greetings and gifts, and the number of these would suggest that the past year has been fairly satisfactory from a business point of view.

The mails from Home and from America brought timely greetings from the homeland, and the Postal authorities had no easy task to get them distributed before nightfall.

SERVICES AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

Last night the Christmas services commenced at 10 o'clock with Matins in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, his Lordship Bishop Pozzoni officiating, with the assistance of the full clergy and Seminarists. The *Te Deum laudamus* was intoned and sung previous to the High Pontifical Mass, which started before midnight. At the *Gloria in excelsis Deo*, the cradle representing the grotto of Bethlehem (which was located in one of the altars at the Epistle side) was unveiled amidst the ringing of all the Church bells and the Campanario. The popular anthem *Adeste fidelis* was sweetly sung by a clear soprano voice and responded by the congregation. The Cathedral was decorated with white and red cloth and the main altar was richly dressed and lighted with a profusion of candles surrounded by flowers and palms. There was a good congregation. The music was provided by the St. Joseph's College Choir, assisted by ex-pupils of the College.

A Low Mass was celebrated at 1 o'clock to enable those who desired to receive the Holy Communion at the altar of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This morning a High Solemn Mass at 8 o'clock will be said, at which the Rector of the Cathedral will officiate.

HONGKONG CATHOLICS' GIFT.

The Catholic Community of Hongkong will be glad to learn that their gifts (in gold, jewellery and precious stones) made to the Hongkong Cathedral on the occasion of the Rev. Fr. Lynch's Missions, have now been transformed in Italy into a beautiful Monstrance for the Blessed Sacrament.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Pozzoni brought this magnificent masterpiece of art from Milan on his arrival here early this month. The Monstrance will be inaugurated for public exposition of "Forty Hours" during the days of 30th, 31st inst., and 1st January, 1913, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

THE HONGKONG TRAMS.

The offer of free rides on the Hongkong cars for three days expired on Monday night, and yesterday the service was conducted under normal conditions. It could hardly be said, however, that the patronage bestowed on the trams by the Chinese was equal to that prior to the institution of the boycott, and in the circumstances it is difficult to say that the boycott has actually ended. There were certainly a fair number of Chinese passengers seen on most trams, but the number was not so great as was expected. It may be, of course, that the boycott is ended, but that it will take a day or two before the conditions become normal.

THE BOYCOTT.

A Chinese constable was walking along the road in Hunghom when a Chinese, who was in company with a number of others, called after him, "This constable is slave enough to serve a foreign Power during the boycott." The lukong arrested him, and a fine of $50, or in default two months' hard labour, was imposed on him by Mr. Hazeland.

A HARBOUR SENSATION.

A sensation was created on one of the Star Ferry launches yesterday afternoon, when a well dressed Chinese woman, who was accompanied by a well dressed Chinese male, presumably her husband, jumped overboard into the harbour. The cry of "save life" was quickly raised, and the lauch was turned round in fairly good time. It reached the woman, who was struggling in the water and keeping herself afloat, and by means of the flag pole carried by one of Messrs. Hughes and Hugh's coolies she was lifted into the launch, two Chinese jumping into the water to help her on board. It was at first suggested that she had been pushed overboard by her husband, but this story is not confirmed by those who were eye-witnesses of the occurrence.

THE SEIZURE OF BANK-NOTES.

SIX JAPANESE REMANDED AT THE MAGISTRACY.

At the Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. Melbourne, six Japanese, named Buicha Furukawa, Shikukishi Itotsuyanagi, Kotaro Kadoishi, Keiko Nagao, Kiyoto Nishiyama, , and Fukugo Sano, were charged with "feloniously and without lawful authority having in their possession papers upon each of which said papers part of an order for payment of money was made, to wit, the sum of $5; each of the papers purporting to be part of an order of Chan Kwing Ming, the said person then being a person resident in a country not in His Majesty's Dominions, to wit, in China."

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley (of Messrs. Dennys & Bowley) appeared to prosecute, and Mr. C. Farebrother Mason (of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist) defended all the men, and pleaded not guilty.

On being charged, the fifth defendant pleaded guilty.

His Worship—Mr. Mason, I must take that plea.

Mr. Bowley—I ask your Worship to grant a formal remand for a week and then a further remand.

His Worship—What day will suit you?

Mr. Bowley—Has your Worship Monday afternoon free?

His Worship—I did fix a case for that time, but luckily the solicitors thought they would like a holiday. (Laughter.) I will give you 2.15 p.m.

Mr. Bowley—We will attend before your Worship, and if it should transpire in the meantime that we cannot go on with the case then we will let your Worship know.

Mr. Mason applied for bail.

Mr. Bowley—I must object to any bail. Although it is not shown in the charge, the face value of the documents seized is over $500,000. So I must object to bail in this case.

Mr. Mason—The sixth defendant is a resident in Hongkong, and can probably find substantial bail.

His Worship (reading from the charge sheet)—This says he is a resident in Japan. Oh! I see, he is described as of Queen's Road, photographer.

Mr. Bowley—He may be resident here, but he is not a native of the Colony, and I think the same objection applies to him as well. At this stage I don't think your Worship ought to grant bail.

His Worship—I think, Mr. Mason, you had better make another application.

RECOVERED FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE HARBOUR.

We are informed that the police prosecuting their inquiries into the importation of alleged forged Hongkong bank notes into the Colony conducted diving operations yesterday in the northern fairway in the vicinity of the spot where the Japanese steamer *Awa Maru* anchored. Success attended their efforts, forged bank notes to the face value of something like $200,000 being recovered from the bottom of the harbour. Some of these were found loose, but the majority were found in a Japanese travelling basket, which had apparently been thrown overboard.

It is believed that notes to the face value of $1,000,000 have been sent to Hongkong.

THE MAGISTRACY.

While executing a search warrant in a house at Kowloon City, occupied by a Chinese, Inspector McDonald discovered a sword and a bayonet. The man was arrested, and, appearing before Mr. Hazeland yesterday, was fined $150.

Judgment was delivered by Mr. Hazeland yesterday in the case in which a Chinese was charged with being in unlawful possession of ten bags of rice, valued at $80. Inspector Dymond brought the charge some time since, and his Worship said the defendant would be fined $100 or two months' hard labour.

Boor Rickarts was charged with sending a letter demanding money by menaces from Clio Hales; secondly with living wholly or partly on the proceeds of prostitution between the 19th August and 17th December; and thirdly with assaulting the complainant, Clio Hales, on the 17th December. At the last hearing defendant pleaded not guilty to all the charges, but now admitted the second. Sergeant Terrett said he had conferred with the Captain Superintendent and the complainant, and he now asked that the first and third charges be withdrawn. A small penalty and then a banishment order would satisfy the authorities. His Worship sentenced defendant to 14 days' hard labour.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN MCGINTY.

The funeral took place yesterday of Captain McGinty, well known as master of the s.s. *San Cheung*, though recently he was employed on one of the Douglas steamers. Deceased succumbed to an attack of dysentery.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE DELHI OUTRAGE.

VICEROY "ONLY SLIGHTLY" INJURED.

LONDON, December 24th.

Reuter's correspondent at Delhi telegraphs that Lord Hardinge sent a message to Sir Guy Fleetwood Wilson, Finance Member of the Viceroy's Council, saying that he is "only slightly" injured.

Sir Guy Fleetwood Wilson read the message to the Durbar, and the audience rose and cheered for several minutes, the applause of the native chiefs being most noticeable.

An extended account of the outrage states that the Viceroy's splendid elephant procession left the railway station, passing through the famous street named Chandnichowk. His assailant was on the top of a house. The attendant holding His Excellency's umbrella was killed, and another was wounded in eight places. The bomb was of a most powerful nature. Lady Hardinge, who was in the howdah, was untouched, but was terribly upset and shaken. The elephant quickly halted, as the driver was uninjured. Mesdames Holloway and Battye, of St. John's Ambulance Society, and others assisted the wounded, a chair stretcher being improvised. Lord Hardinge was placed in a motor car and conveyed to hospital. Lady Hardinge motored to the Vice-regal Lodge.

The procession was resumed, Sir Guy Fleetwood Wilson replacing the Viceroy and conducting the Durbar.

The greatest indignation was expressed on all sides.

The police immediately surrounded the house, and several arrests were made. All the outlets from the city are carefully guarded.

The Viceroy received three slugs in his back, which were afterwards extracted in the hospital. He was wounded in the hip and the neck, and his helmet was full of screws. After telling his wife that he was all right and ordering the procession to go on he reeled and fainted. His staff had to take off their coats in order to lift him from the huge elephant howdah, which was completely shattered. Subsequently the Viceroy was removed to the Viceregal Lodge from hospital. He is doing well. The inch is four inches deep, exposing the shoulder.

The thrower of the bomb has not been caught, and rewards of 12,000 rupees are offered for his detection.

BRITISH INSURANCE ACT.

LONDON, December 24th.

The Medical Council's decision of the 22nd inst. has widened the split in the ranks of the doctors. Six prominent members of the Council have resigned, refusing to share the responsibility of the rejection of Mr. Lloyd George's amended terms.

Mr. Lloyd George in an official statement refuses to accept the alternative proposals and adds that if by the 15th January when the medical benefits are due the medical panel in any district is inadequate they will be provided in other ways.

THE STRANDED DESTROYER.

LONDON, December 24th.

The British torpedo boat destroyer *Beaver*, which went ashore at Haisbro (Norfolk) returned to Portsmouth under her own steam. She is only slightly damaged at the bow.

THE "CLEVELAND."

This big Hamburg-Amerika liner with hundreds of American tourists on board enjoying a trip round the world reached Hongkong yesterday, and will remain here until Friday. Side trips to Canton and Macao have been arranged, and the sights of the Colony will not be neglected by the visitors.

At night the *Cleveland* presented a striking preture as she lay at anchor in midstream outlined with electric lights.

TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE BALKAN WAR.

TURKS SURRENDER.

Reuter's correspondent at Belgrade telegraphs that 18 Turkish officers and 247 men, whose retreat was cut off by the Greeks, surrendered to the Servians near Ochrida.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

The Peace Conference sat for half an hour on Monday. The Turkish Delegates did not insist upon the revictualling of Adrianople. The Servian Delegate who presided set forth the conditions which the Turkish Delegates said they required time to consider. The conference was adjourned until Saturday.

A later message states that the Turks finally withdrew their objections to negotiating with the Greeks.

Reuter learns that the conditions set forth by the Allies include the cession of all territory west of a line from a point east of Rodosto on the Sea of Marmora to the Bay of Malatra on the Black Sea, excluding the peninsula of Gallipoli, the cession of the islands in the Aegean Sea, and the abandonment of all Turkish rights in Crete. The question of Albania is left to the Powers.

MODERN ALADDIN'S CAVE.

GORGEOUS RICHES OF A WAREHOUSE.

Besides the millions of ostrich feathers which are on view for sale at the Port of London Authority's Cutler-street warehouse in the City, there is an immense store of other precious merchandise from every quarter of the globe, says a writer in the *Daily Mail*. To this warehouse are brought all the more valuable goods entering the Port of London—carpets from Persia and India and Turkey, tea from China and India, bright-plumed birds and feathers from South America and the Pacific, silk from Japan, Turkey, and the Balkans, and china-ware, porcelain, inlaid work, and metal work from China and Japan.

Between £7,000,000 and £8,000,000 worth of merchandise passes through Cutler-street in a year, and its stock at any time is worth about £3,000,000.

One room dazzles the eyes with a blaze of brilliantly coloured feathers. There are boxes full of yellow birds of paradise, worth from £5 to £8 each. Another box is full of bright blue birds which turn to emerald green as they are taken out of the box and the light strikes them differently. One table, divided neatly into compartments, where the feathers are classified, is stocked with little bundles of plumes worth nearly four times their weight in gold, from £12 to £15 an ounce.

Another room is piled high with bales of creamy white silk; another has stacks of red and blue and green Turkey carpets, decliate hued, silky praying mats, and the gem of the collection, which is a 230-year-old Persian carpet worth £1,000.

The warehouse itself is an historic building. Covering five acres of ground in the heart of London, it is the old warehouse of the East India Company, and parts of it are 120 years old. On the staff there is still a member whose father used to drill in the courtyard with the East India Company's soldiers, for the building was used partly as a barracks.

LIBEL ACTIONS IN MANILA.

An action for libel has been commenced by Mr. Jose Robles Lahesa, an attorney at law, against the *Cablenews-American*, Manila. Plaintiff claims damages to the extent of 400,000 pesos.

Charges of criminal libel have also been filed in Manila against the West Coast Life Insurance Company. The charge was made and the warrant issued by the prosecuting attorney, after statements had been filed with him by officials of the Insular Life Insurance Company.

John Northcott and Miguel C. Grey are mentioned in the complaint as general agent and manager, and agent respectively, and are charged with being responsible for a circular which is the basis of the suit. Both companies are represented in Manila, the West Coast by an agent, while the corporation of the Insular Company was founded here.

The direct charge against the insurance Company and its officials is that they were responsible for the publication and distribution of a circular, some time ago, copies of which it is claimed were mailed or otherwise sent to the policy holders of the Insular Life Company. The circular, it is claimed, stated and represented to those to whom it was sent that the Insular Company was in a dangerous financial condition, and on the point of going into insolvency.

The circular went on to give that as one of the reasons, or at least to imply, that the West Coast was the more stable of the two Companies and that if the policy holders had any intention of making a change, it might be unwise to have further connection with the Company referred to. All of these insinuations the Insular Company denies, and so stated to the prosecuting attorney, whereupon the present complaint was filed. Luis Pery, F. A. Shailer and West G. Smith are named as witnesses.

AMERICAN ARMY OFFICER MURDERED.

Captain John Watson, of the 8th Cavalry, was murdered and Lieut. Kinzie B. Edmunds seriously wounded by a Moro who sneaked through the lines of the camp at Lake Seit and fell upon them while they slept. There was quick retribution for the murderer, for he was shot and killed by Captain Rush S. Wells, who ran to the aid of his comrades.

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NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE have This Day been REMOVED to the NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING (Post Office), 3rd Floor.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1912.

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LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1912. [1457

G. E.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE following particulars of letting by TENDER of CERTAIN GRANITE QUARRIES in the Island of HONGKONG and NEW TERRITORIES are published.

SEALED TENDERS, which should be clearly marked "TENDER FOR QUARRIES," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until NOON of MONDAY, the 6th January, 1913.

Tenders must be in form which will be supplied by the Director of Public Works upon deposit of a sum of $10.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

Particulars and conditions of the letting by tender by order of HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR of the following Lots of CROWN LAND in HONGKONG, KOWLOON and NEW TERRITORIES, for the purpose of Quarrying Granite for a period extending from the 15th January to 31st December, 1913.

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Quarry Lot No.	Locality.	Contents in Acres.
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A	Ngau Tau Kok.	2.00
6.		[1458

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM KOBE AND MOJI.

THE Steamship

"THONGWA,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at consignees' risk and expense into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1912. [892

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "NILE,"

FROM SAN FRANCISCO VIA JAPAN PORTS, SHANGHAI AND MANILA.

THE above-mentioned Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills-of-Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside. Cargo impeding discharge will be landed immediately at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after THURSDAY, 26th Dec., at 5 P.M., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining undelivered WEDNESDAY, 1st Jan., at NOON, will be subject to landing and storage charges.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

All chafed and otherwise damaged Cargo will be examined at the above Company's Godown MONDAY, 30th Dec., at 10 A.M.

No Claims will be entertained unless accompanied by short delivery note or list of exceptions taken at time of delivery to Consignees and signed for and on behalf of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co.

All Claims must be filed on or before 25th Jan., otherwise they will not be recognized.

FRED. J. HALTON,
Agent.
Hongkong, 25th December, 1912. [23

INTIMATIONS

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY) and TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 25th and 26th instant, and WEDNESDAY, the 1st of January, 1913.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1912. [1441

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY (BRITISH SECTION).

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Additional Train will leave KOWLOON for SHUM CHUN calling at the Golf Course Crossing, FANLING, at 10.15 A.M. on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

On the above dates the Train advertised to leave KOWLOON at 5.30 P.M. will leave at 5.10 P.M. and will run according to the SATURDAY and SUNDAY timing.

By Order
H. P. WINSLOW,
Manager.
Kowloon, 19th December, 1912. [1447

SOCIÉTÉ DES PULPES ET PAPETERIES DU TONKIN.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

SHAREHOLDERS of the above Société are hereby summoned to an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING to be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 21, rue Jules Ferry, Haiphong, on SATURDAY, the 18th January, 1913.

By Order of the Board,
T. F. HOUGH,
Director.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1912. [1456

LOST.

ON SATURDAY, 21st inst., in the Neighbourhood of Conduit and Robinson Roads, A YOUNG AIREDALE TERRIER DOG, Answering to the name of "PAT."

Anyone returning the Dog to No. 1, Conduit Road will be suitably rewarded.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1912. [1454

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I HAVE now RESUMED CHARGE of this Company's Affairs at this Port.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1912. [1453

NOTICE.

LUIZ NOLASCO, Notary Public.

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For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
N. J. STABB,
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Hongkong, 1st July, 1911. [2

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WM. DICKSON,
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Hongkong, 12th April, 1912. [133

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TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
Manager.
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THE P. AND O. REPORT.

APPOINTMENT OF MANAGING DIRECTORS.

The report of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company for the year ended September 30, states that after providing for the insurance claims, which were exceptionally heavy, the surplus, including £67,617 brought forward, stands at £307,141, as compared with £410,915, including £67,182 brought in. After deducting the amount of the usual interim dividends paid in May, and reserving three months' interest on moiety of new stock issued, the balance admits of a further payment of 2½ per cent. on the Preferred and 6½ per cent. on the Deferred stock, together with a bonus on the latter stock at the rate of 5 per cent. The distribution for the year will therefore be equivalent to 10 per cent. on the capital of £2,320,000, the capital called up being only due for full dividend next year. The above payments will be made after setting aside altogether £496,161 to the credit of depreciation reserve and carrying forward £67,766.

ADDITIONS TO THE FLEET.

The *Ballarat* and *Beltana*, two steamers mentioned in the last report as built for the Cape Australian line, are now both at work, and the directors have since contracted for three sister ships of this class, with the names of *Benalla*, *Berrima*, and *Borda*. It was also mentioned that two steamers of the "N" class for the China intermediate service were in course of being built, and these two vessels, the *Nankin* and *Novara*, are now employed in this service. Subsequently two additional vessels of this type and for the same trade were contracted for. Recently the directors arranged for the construction of four steamers of the intermediate class, intended for the Indian service. A contract has been made with Messrs. Caird & Co. for a mail and passenger steamer of nearly 12,000 tons, especially designed for the Bombay line, and the name of *Kaisar-i-Hind* has been selected for this vessel. These contracts amount altogether to 95,000 tons of shipping. No regular annual charge by way of insurance premium has been made in the accounts for many years, but it is pointed out that the annual claims, which are for the most part moderate, are debited as they occur, and that it has been and might be advisable again in a year of bad trade to have recourse to the reserve fund in order to maintain a reasonable equilibrium in the dividend. Fortunately, in the present year the profit and loss account is able to bear the heavy insurance loss of £179,748, accruing chiefly from the disasters to the *Delhi*, *Oceana*, and *Persia*.

THE QUESTION OF DEPRECIATION.

In regard to depreciation the report says:—

It has been customary for many years, when the state of the profit and loss account admitted of doing so, to set aside considerable sums by way of depreciation in addition to the usual 5 per cent. which writes off the cost of a ship in 20 years, and this policy has always been warmly approved by the proprietors. In the present account the directors have acted on this principle by setting aside £75,000 in addition to the ordinary rate of depreciation, and if the insurance claims had not been so heavy as they are, the directors would have put aside a larger amount towards this sinking fund. The fact of the matter is, that in the present day the normal 5 per cent. does not cover the renewal of the fleet. Every ship disposed of has to be replaced by a larger, more costly, and more powerful vessel, and it is easy to understand that the development and improvement of the company's fleet has been accomplished to a large extent by the funds laid aside over and above the normal 5 per cent. figure. The directors see no prospect that this policy can be departed from, in face of the high cost of shipbuilding and the necessity of maintaining the efficiency of the company's various services in an age of constant and keen rivalry.

Reference is made to the recent issue of £1,180,000 in Preferred stock, and it is stated that:—

The directors considered the market conditions were favourable for the issue of this amount of capital at the moderate premium of 10 per cent., and it was absorbed by the proprietors in proportion to their holdings of Preferred and Deferred stock, with the exception of £170,000, which was subsequently disposed of at a higher premium. In the course of next year the company will have approximately £1,000,000 invested in a new business—namely, the Cape Australian line.

POSITION OF SIR THOMAS SUTHERLAND.

Perhaps the most interesting passage in the report is the following, which refers to the position of Sir Thomas Sutherland:—

Sir Thomas Sutherland has been chairman of the board for 32 years and a managing director since 1872. He has been sole managing director for the last 13 years. His services during this long period, and antecedently when he represented the company in China, are well-known to the proprietors, and it will hardly be a matter of surprise that, whilst still retaining the chief control of the company's affairs, the chairman is desirous that arrangements should be made to relieve him to a certain extent from the everyday routine of administrative work, by advancing other members of the staff to higher and more responsible rank. After considering the matter fully, and in entire accord with the chairman's views, the directors have decided to recommend the proprietors to elect two members of the management to seats at the board, with the view to their being subsequently appointed by the board as managing directors. This arrangement will simply be a return to the original *régime* which required three members of the board to be appointed as managing directors and act as a permanent committee for conducting the daily business of the company. It will follow that the *status* of general manager will eventually lapse, and that the subordinate members of the managing staff will rank as assistant managers, as was the case in former years.

The two gentlemen now recommended for the position mentioned are Mr. I. M. Shields and Mr. F. Ritchie. Their career in the service has been very similar, that is to say, they have filled the most important appointments abroad as agents of the company, they have both acted as inspectors of agencies and ships, and they have now for some years been members of the management in London.

THE REVIVAL IN SHIPPING.

In conclusion the report says:—

It was mentioned in the report of last year that after three years of very poor business in the shipping world a most satisfactory revival had set in, and this revival has continued, and even improved, up to the present time. The company's (net) freight and charter receipts amount to £1,831,468, and show an advance of £109,802 as compared with the figures of last year. This includes an improvement in the work of the Cape Australian line. The mail steamers have not benefited to any great extent by the increase in general freights, because the rates on fine goods, such as silks, refrigerated produce, treasure, tea, &c., have remained stationary, exactly as they have been for some years past. The strikes have, moreover, largely interfered with the earnings of the mail steamers. It should also be noted that the expenses of loading and discharging are deducted from the gross freight receipts, and these expenses have been exceptionally heavy this year.

The (net) passenger receipts amount to £1,297,619. They rose last year by £46,955, owing partly to the Coronation, and there is a certain reaction evident in the present year. There is also a growing tendency on the part of a considerable public to take advantage of the second saloon accommodation on the company's ships. Nevertheless, the receipts are slightly—£3,198—in excess of last year's figures.

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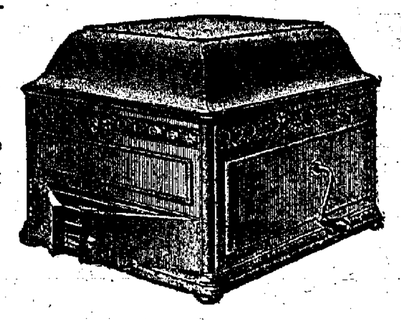

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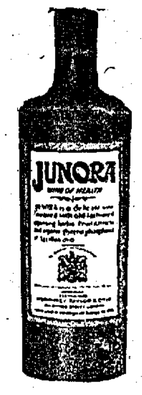

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REVIEW.

The Malay Peninsula. A record of British Progress in the Middle East. By ARNOLD WRIGHT & THOMAS H. REID; with a map and 51 illustrations. London: T. Fisher Unwin.

SECOND NOTICE.

In our first notice of this work we dealt at length with the romantic history of British development in the Malay Peninsula, from the earliest times down to the transference from Siam to Great Britain of the suzerainty of the States of Kedah, Kelantan, Trengganu and Perlis. It is evident that the authors have spared no pains in obtaining reliable data, for they have brought to light facts which are published for the first time from the rich records of the East India Company, to which, in a measure, we also owe the establishment of British rule in Hongkong. Written with charming lucidity and attractiveness, this portion of the volume—as has already been said by a leading London journal—"might easily be published separately as a schoolboy book of adventure," so ably have the authors brought into prominence the romance of early British enterprise in the Middle and Far East.

But clever as is the handling of the historical portion, our readers will turn with no less interest to the section of the book which treats of the legislation and administration, the people and their manners, customs and occupations, means of communication, mining and the tin industry, rubber planting and other agricultural pursuits, commerce and shipping, and the opportunities that lie at hand for the expansion of mercantile enterprise in the Peninsula. There is an excellent descriptive chapter on Singapore and its activities, and in their summing up the authors endeavour to forecast the political future of what is now generally termed British Malaya. We note that they advocate the disuse of the word *Settlement* and the closer cementing of the Colony, the Federated States and the Non-Federated States in one political entity, with a capital at Kuala Lumpur, a proposal which appears to us to be a logical one, having regard to the history of the Peninsula under the *Pax Britannica*, but which is certain to get a mixed reception by the critics in Malaya. We have no doubt the cry will be raised that this would be a distinct violation of the Treaty of Pangkor under which the British authorities first assumed control in the affairs of the Native States; but surely what the authors have in mind is that no violation of pledges need occur and that the rulers, who have benefited by the help they have received in the past, will voluntarily come forward, as they did the other day with the offer of a battleship, with the proposal for a grand federation to embrace the sister States recently taken over from Siam. This is how we interpret the suggestion of the authors, and the history of the past forty years shows a natural trend in this direction. It is under the security of the British flag, under the wise supervision of British officials, that the enormous development of the mining and agricultural industries became possible, that steady progress and prosperity has been brought to what was formerly a hot-bed of piracy and a centre of internecine strife and bloodshed, that roads that are a marvel in a tropical country have been constructed through the primeval jungle, that over 700 miles of first-class railway have been made, enabling the pioneer and trader to travel in luxury not surpassed in Europe, and that the interests of the native holders of the land have been conserved with jealous and paternal care by the government. Well may the authors conclude that "when the last reckoning of all comes to be taken, and the British Empire is weighed in the balance, the wonderful figures quoted above will surely count for something for our righteousness." The figures referred to are those showing the rise of F.M.S. trade from £5,766,833 in 1895 to £21,328,179 in 1911 and of Revenue from £901,107 in 1895 to £4,089,930 in 1911. Of course, the record of the Federated Malay States is the more striking, but none the less the growth in importance and material prosperity of the Straits Settlements are also remarkable, and the authors are to be congratulated on the fascinating manner in which they present these substantial facts.

We in Hongkong and the Treaty Ports are perhaps more directly concerned with the Rubber industry of the Malay Peninsula. The authors have been able to deal very fully with this part of their subject, and what they have here set down—as in other parts of the book—will be invaluable to future writers and historians. Those of our readers who are interested in Rubber investments will turn to this volume for a fuller information of the conditions of Rubber cultivation in the Malay Peninsula than has been published hitherto. Every phase of the industry is dealt with, the remarkable manner in which Rubber planting was introduced into the Middle East, the no less remarkable success with which the venture was at once crowned, the methods of cultivation, the labour supply, the enemies the Rubber tree has to combat, and the economics and future of the industry. In a brief table, we find that the estate labour of the Malayan plantations has increased from 39,274 in 1906 to 227,935 in 1911, and the number of estates from 254 in 1906 to 964 in 1911. Other figures are as follows:—

Year.	Average under Rubber.	Quantity exported. lbs.	Value in Sterling £
1906	99,230	1,035,601	399,000
1907	179,227	1,998,889	785,000
1908	241,138	3,186,099	882,000
1909	292,035	6,112,023	2,340,000
1910	362,853	12,245,864	5,695,000
1911	542,877	23,914,263	5,925,000

The moral these figures suggest to us is that Rubber production may be overdone, and that if the planters are wise they will be prompted to look round for other forms of cultivation upon which they may rely when the supply of Rubber more nearly approximates to the world's demands. But there is another thought suggested by this extraordinary development of a new industry, and that is this—surely the success which has attended the industries fostered in the Straits by successive generations of Government servants ought to stimulate the Government of our Colony. It may not have the natural resources of Malaya nor do we wish it had the climate of that highly-favoured region; but we are prompted to ask whether there may not be ways in which Government officials might help to turn this Colony of ours into a producer and not merely an entrepôt for other people's goods?

We cannot take leave of this useful and fascinating volume without congratulating the authors and publishers on the beauty and variety of the pictures with which it is illustrated. It is, so far as we have seen, the best illustrated book as yet published of the Malay Peninsula. As the map which accompanies it is official, it forms a most valuable adjunct.

THE FRENCH COLONIES.

GOVERNMENT'S SCHEME FOR WIRELESS STATIONS.

The French Government has tabled a bill providing for the expenditure of £808,000 for the organisation of a wireless system that will ensure communication between the French Colonies and the Mother Country. It is proposed to erect a wireless station in the South of France for services with the East Africa, South America, and the Pacific. The Eastern system will have stations at the following places:—Tunis, Djibuti, Pondicherry, Cochin-China, and Madagascar. For the African and South American service stations are to be erected on the West Coast of Morocco, at Colomb Bechar (to the South of Oran), Senegal, Timbuctoo, Bangui (Equatorial Africa), and in Martinique. The Pacific service, which will be of special importance after the opening of the Panama Canal, will link up the Eastern, African, and South American systems. Its stations will be erected in the Marquesas Islands, in Tahiti, and at Noumea. For communication with North America it is proposed that a station should be erected in the west of France.

The cost for single stations is given as follows:—In Western France £80,000, in Southern France £72,000, in Tunis and Morocco £52,000, at Colomb Bechar £35,600, in Senegal £39,200, at Bangui £65,200, at Djibuti £41,200, at Pondicherry £37,000, at Madagascar £39,200, Martinique £36,800, in the Marquesas £42,200, and Noumea £38,800. The other two stations will be erected at the cost of the Colonies concerned. £140,000 is reserved for converting the seven principal stations as soon as the service warrants it into double stations capable of receiving and transmitting messages simultaneously.

These figures have a special interest in view of the controversy concerning the Marconi contract. It will be remembered that the French Government purchases its machines from the constructors and works them itself, leaving its experts free to improve upon them.

The present scheme is intended mainly for commercial purposes, and it is for this reason that the Eiffel Tower, which is principally a military station, is not utilised.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1912. [2

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Hongkong rainfall for 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.01 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:

DISTRICT	FORECAST.
* Hongkong & Neighbourhood	
Formosa Channel	Strong northerly gales.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks.	The same as No. 1.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan..	The same as No. 1.

* N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

23RD DECEMBER, A.M.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Force.	Weather.
Vl'ostock	7 a.	30.47	1	63	—	0	b
Nemuro	6 a.	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hakodate	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tokio	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kagoshima	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Naha	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ishi'jma	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bonin Is.	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chefoo	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Weihaiwei	"	30.59	23	88	SW	6	b
Hankow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kiukiang	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	"	30.70	22	—	NW	1	b
Gutzlaff	"	30.46	28	—	NNW	6	bv
Sharp Peak	7 a.	30.52	55	—	NNE	4	o
Amoy	6 a.	30.41	52	65	NE	4	o
Swatow	7 a.	30.37	51	79	NE	1	b
Taihoku	5 a.	30.45	—	—	E	4	—
Taichu	"	30.28	—	—	N	6	—
Tainan	"	30 25	—	—	N	6	—
Koshun	"	30.18	—	—	NE	10	—
Pescadores	"	30.23	—	—	NE	10	—
Jaaton	9 a.	30.47	49	57	NNE	3	b
Hongkong	6 a.	30.35	50	73	NNE	1	o
Viet. Peak	7 a.	—	—	—	N	1	—
Gap Rock	6 a.	30 31	—	—	N	6	o
Macao	"	30.33	50	—	N	3	o
Wuchow	9 a.	30 56	44	—	N	2	b
Hoihow	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pakhoi	"	—	—	—	—	—	—
Phulien	6 a.	30.35	54	—	NE	4	o
Tourane	"	30.10	68	—	E	7	c
C. St. James	"	29.99	72	—	ENE	2	b
Aparri	"	30.05	—	—	SE	1	p
Manila	"	29.96	—	—	—	0	c
Legaspi	"	29.92	—	—	NE	1	o
Bacolod	9 a.	—	—	—	NW	2	o
Iloilo	"	29.91	79	—	SW	1	c
Cebu	"	29 93	81	—	E	1	c
Labuan	"	29.80	83	—	—	—	—

T. F. CLAXTON, *Director.*

Hongkong, Observatory, 23rd December, 1912.

1 BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 TEMPERATURE, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5 FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.

6 STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew (wet).

0 RAIN in inches, tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 24th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.23	30.35	30.29
Temperature	62	50	60
Humidity	57	73	48
Wind Direction	North	NNE	NE
" Force	1	4	2
Weather	o	o	b
Rain	—	0.01	—

Highest open air Temperature on 23rd ...63
Lowest open air Temperature on 23rd ...52

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

ARIAKE MARU, Japanese str., 2,183, Sato, 24th December—Miike 18th December, Coal.—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

BORNEO, German str., 1,344, F. Sembill, 24th December — Sandakan 18th December, Timber.—Melchers & Co.

HAIMUN, British str., 615, J. W. Evans, 24th December—Swatow 23rd December, General.—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

HAKATA MARU, Japanese str., 3,870, H. Nomura, 23rd December—Singapore 17th December, General.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

HEIMDAL, Norwegian str., 762, T. A. Johnsen, 24th December—Haiphong 22nd December, Stone. — Shewan, Tomes & Co.

LOONGSANG, British str., 1,093, W. G. G. Leask, 24th December—Manila 21st December, Hemp and General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

LUETZOW, German str., 5,116, J. Bortfeldt, 24th December — Yokohama 14th December, General.—Melchers & Co.

OCKLEY, British str., 2,928, R. W. Barrett, 23rd December—Seattle 4th November, General.—Bank Line, Ltd.

PATHFINDER, American gunboat, 897, H. C. Denson, 24th December—Manila 20th December.

SICILIA, British str., 4,164, C. H. Watkins, R.N.R., 24th December—Yokohama 10th December, General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

SUNGKIANG, British str., 987, E. Finlayson, 24th December—Haiphong 20th December, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

THONGWA, British str., 3,428, R. P. Fysh, R.N.R., 24th December—Moji 20th December, General.—David Sassoon & Co.

TRIGONIA, Dutch str., 1,870, Groenjk, 24th December — Palembang 16th December, Ballast.—Asiatic Petroleum Co.

WUHU, British str., 1,280, Howard, 23rd December—Chefoo 18th December, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

ZAFIRO, American str., 2,024, F. S. McMurray, 24th December—Manila 21st December, General.—Shewan, Tomes & Co.

DEPARTURES.

December 24th.

HAIYANG, British str., for Swatow.
KASHING, British str., for Formosa Bay.
KING SING, British str., for Shanghai.
KOONSHING, British str., for Shanghai.
MAUSANG, British str., for Sandakan.
WAKASA MARU, Japanese str., for Bombay.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Sicilia* reports: Fine weather throughout.

The British str. *Loongsang* reports: Strong monsoon and rough sea.

The American str. *Zafiro* reports: Strong N.E. winds and rough sea.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. *Nile* arrived at Manila on the 21st December, and sailed for this port on the 23rd December, between 2 and 4 p.m., being due in Hongkong on Christmas morning.

The P.M. str. *Mongolia* sailed from Yokohama on the 19th December, for this port via Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, between 10 a.m. and noon. Her mails arrived by the N.D.L. str. *Lutzow*.

The T.K.K. str. *Nippon Maru* arrives at Yokohama from Honolulu on the 24th December, and is expected in Hongkong on the 3rd January.

The T.K.K. str. *Tenyo Maru* left Honolulu for Yokohama on the 19th December, and is due here on the 9th January.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I.M.O. str. *Coblenz* left Sydney on the 14th December, at 11 a.m., and may be expected here on or about 6th January.

The E. & A. str. *Eastern* left Sydney on the 18th December, for this port via Queensland Ports, Port Darwin and Manila).

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Ludwig*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 27th November, left Singapore on the 21st December, at 8 p.m., and may be expected here on or about 26th December, at night.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The str. *Orteric* sailed from Moji on the 20th December, and is expected to arrive here on the 25th December.

The str. *Fitz Clarence* sailed from Moji on the 21st December, and is expected to arrive here on the 26th December.

The I.G.M. str. *Prinz Waldemar* left Yokohama on the 20th December, at 10 p.m., and may be expected here on or about 27th December, a.m.

The P. & O. str. *Sunda* left Singapore for this port on the 23rd December, at 8.30 a.m., and is due here on the 30th December, at about 6 a.m.

The American & Manchurian Line str. *Kansas* left Sabang on the 22nd December, and is due here on or about 30th December, p.m.

The str. *Kansas* passed the Suez Canal on the 3rd December, and is due here on or about 3rd January.

The T.K.K. str. *Kiyo Maru* arrives at Yokohama from Honolulu on the 2nd January, and is expected here on the 18th January.

The str. *Glenroy* passed the Suez Canal on the 20th December, for Hongkong via Straits.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Fooksang, from Calcutta, is due in Hongkong 2nd January.

SHIRE LINE, LIMITED.

Indramayo, from New York, is due in Hongkong 31st December.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The str. *Pathan* arrived at Boston on the 20th December.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "k," nearest Hongkong "h," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "m," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "k.w." together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.
1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAMES.	FLAG & RIG	BERTH.	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &C....	SICILIA...	Brit. str.	—	C. H. Watkins, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at 10 A.M.
LONDON & ANTWERP...	DENBIGHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	...	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD...	About 25th inst.
LONDON. V.A USUAL PORTS OF CALL	DELTA	Brit. str.	—	E. P. Martin, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG &C.	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Deinat	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 11th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &C.	FUERST BUELOW	Ger. str.	k. w.	Jäger	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 24th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c....	SAMBIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Bush	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 16th Jan.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	ARMENIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Eckhorn	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 25th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	ALTMARK	Ger. str.	k. w.	Luening	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th Feb.
MARSEILLES, BREMEN, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	GOLDENFELS	Ger. str.	k. w.	Diedrichsen	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th Feb.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &C	KAMO MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. L. Sommer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st Jan., at D'light.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA VIA JAPAN &c.	TACOMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Hamada	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at 2 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &C.	AWA MARU	Jap. str.	—	R. Shimizu	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst., at Noon.
VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, B.C., SEATTLE & TACOMA, &C.	OCKLEY	Brit. str.	—	...	THE BANK LINE LTD.	End of Dec.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA. VIA KEELUNG. &C	PANAMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. Kanao	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 7th Jan., at 2 P.M.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON	LUETZOW	Ger. str.	—	J. Bortfeldt	MELCHERS & CO....	To-day, at 10 A.M.
TRIESTE, FIUME, VENICE VIA SINGAPORE, &C., ...	PERSIA...	Aus. str.	—	...	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	About 31st inst.
TRIESTE. via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, &C.	KOSBERR	Aus. str.	—	...	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 19th Jan., at 5 P.M.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL	SCHUYLKILL	Am. str.	—	...	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	On 30th inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL...	SWAZI	Am. str.	—	...	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 11th Jan.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	EMPRESS OF INDIA	Brit. str.	2 m.	...	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO....	On 11th Jan., at 7 A.M.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	2 m.	W. Davison	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO....	On 8th Mar., at 7 A.M.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	NILE	Am. str.	—	...	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 31st inst., at 1 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	MONGOLIA	Am. str.	—	...	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 7th Jan., at 1 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	NIPPON MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. G. Stevens	TOYO KAISEN KAISHA	On 11th Jan., at Noon.
COPENHAGEN & BALTIC PORTS...	CANTON	Swed. str.	—	...	ARTHUR NILSSON & CO.	On 15th Jan.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	H. Bremer	MELCHERS & CO.	On 28th inst., at 5 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	ST. ALBANS	Brit. str.	—	...	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	E. Finlayson	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 4th Jan., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 15th Jan., at Noon.
CAPEPORTS VIA MAURITIUS...	DUNEDIC	Brit. str.	—	Tulloch	THE BANK LINE LIMITED	Beginning of January.
MEXICAN, PERUVIAN & CHILEAN VIA JAPAN	KIYO MARU	Jap. str.	—	...	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 1st Feb., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE via SHANGHAI...	VORWAERTS	Aus. str.	—	...	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	About 30th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	FULTALA	Brit. str.	—	H. Chidley	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD...	On 14th Jan., at D'light.
KOBE & MOJI	ABRATOON APCAR	Brit. str.	—	R. F. Thomson	DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.	On 31st inst.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KAGA MARU	Jap. str.	—	G. Tabusa	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 2nd Jan., at 11 A.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	COBLENZ	Ger. str.	—	L. Klugkist	MELCHERS & CO.	About 7th Jan.
NAGASAKI. KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 15th Jan., at Noon.
JAPAN	TJITAROEM	Dut. str.	—	...	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN	Quick despatch.
TSINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & DALNY	CHANGCHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	H. Trowbridge	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st inst., at Noon.
HONGAY	CHIHLI	Brit. str.	1 m.	F. McGarity	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at Noon.
HONGAY	WUHU	Brit. str.	1 m.	...	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst., at Noon.
SHANGHAI. KOBE & MOJI	DILWARA	Brit. str.	—	W. J. Bishop	DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.	To-morrow, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	CHENAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	L. Jones	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI. NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	PRINZ LUDWIG	Ger. str.	—	F. von Binzer	MELCHERS & CO.	About 26th inst.
SHANGHAI...	WINGSANG	Brit. str.	—	T. H. Lishman	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD...	On 28th inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI...	LINAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	C. C. Williams	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th inst., at M'night.
SHANGHAI...	CHOYSANG	Brit. str.	—	M. Courtney	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD	On 29th inst., at D'light.
SHANGHAI...	DUMBEA	Fren. str.	—	Sellier	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 30th inst., at 6 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SUNDA	Brit. str.	—	C. E. Irving, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 30th inst.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	INDIA	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 2nd Jan.
SHANGHAI...	ALTMARK	Ger. str.	k. w.	Luening	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 3rd Jan.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KOSBERR	Aus. str.	—	...	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	On 5th Jan., at D'light.
SHANGHAI...	CARMARTHENSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	...	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD	About 14th Jan.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TJIBODAS	Dut. str.	—	...	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI...	KAIJO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Y. Yamamoto	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 1st Jan., at 10 A.M.
FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW & AMOY	SOSHU MARU	Jap. str.	—	K. Tashira	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	To-day, at 3 A.M.
ANPING & TAKAO VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIGI MARU	Jap. str.	—	Y. Somekawa	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 29th inst., at 10 A.M.
TAMSUI VIA SWATOW & AMOY	HOIHOW	Brit. str.	1 m.	...	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at Noon.
SWATOW, AMOY & SHANGHAI	HAICHING	Brit. str.	2 h.	W. C. Passmore	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.	On 27th inst., at D'light.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAIMUN	Brit. str.	2 h.	J. W. Evans	DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.	On 29th inst., at 10 A.M.
SWATOW	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	—	Leask	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD...	On 28th inst., at 2 P.M.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Am. str.	—	F. S. MacMurray	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO....	On 28th inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA, MANGARIN, ILOILO & CEBU	KAIFONG	Brit. str.	1 m.	Sidford	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO...	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	—	P. H. Rolfe	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD...	On 4th Jan., at 2 P.M.
MANILA	RUBI	Am. str.	—	Miller	SHEWAN TOMES & CO....	On 7th Jan., at 4 P.M.
MANILA, MANGARIN, ILOILO & CEBU	TJIMANOEK	Dut. str.	—	...	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN	Quick despatch.
BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, &c.	KAMAKURA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Hori	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 6th Jan.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	COLOMBO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Kawashima	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, RANGOON & CALCUTTA	THONGWA	Brit. str.	—	Fysh	DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD....	On 30th inst., at 1 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	KUTSANG	Brit. str.	—	Bradley	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD	On 10th Jan., at 2 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA...	OKARA	Brit. str.	—	E. B. Hirst	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.	On 12th Jan., at Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, & RANGOON...	BORNEO	Ger. str.	—	F Sembill	MELCHERS & CO.	Middle of Jan.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN...	SUNGKIANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	Mathias	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 27th inst., at 10 A.M.
HAIPHONG	SI-KIANG	Fren. str.	—	E. de Catalano	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 1st Jan., at 9 A.M.
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† SHANGHAI	"CHOYSANG"	Sunday, 29th Dec., D'light.
* MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Saturday, 4th Jan., 2 P.M.
*SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"KUTSANG"	Friday, 10th Jan., 2 P.M.

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EASTWARD.

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FOR	STEAMERS	DATE OF DEPARTURE
LONDON & ANTWERP	"DENBIGHSHIRE"	About 25th Dec.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"CARMARTHENSHIRE"	About 14th Jan.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	"MONMOUTHSHIRE"	About 18th Jan.
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"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	SAT., 11th Jan.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND"	FRI., 7th Feb.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	SAT., 8th Feb.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND"	FRI., 7th Mar.
"MONTEAGLE"	SAT., 8th Mar.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND"	FRI., 4th Apr.
		From Quebec.	
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	SAT., 5th Apr.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND"	FRI., 2nd May

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THE AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.
(With Liberty to Call at the Malabar Coast.)

THE Steamship

"SCHUYLKILL"

will be despatched from this Port on MONDAY, the 30th Dec.
For Freight and further particulars, apply to
THE BANK LINE, LTD.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 13th December, 1912. [1410

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"DUMBEA,"

Captain Sellier, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 30th inst., at or about 6 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
P. THOMAS,
Agent.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1912. [2

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

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"DELTA."

Captain E. P. Martin, R.N.R., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, SATURDAY, the 4th January, 1913, at NOON, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Co.'s s.s. "MALWA," 11,000 tons, from Colombo, passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.
Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, Tea and Cargo for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay in the s.s. "ARABIA," due in London on the 15th February, 1913.
Parcels will be received at the Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.
For further particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 23rd December, 1912. [1

HONGKONG—NEW YORK.

AMERICAN ASIATIC S.S. CO.

FOR NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL.

(With Liberty to call at the Malabar Coast.)

S.S. "SWAZI" ..... On 11th Jan. 1913.
For freight and further information apply to—
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1912. [1378

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Ockley*, from Seattle, etc., Mrs. and Miss Kirkwood, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey.

Per *Loongsang*, from Manila, Mr. McConaughy and Mr. Firetti.

Per *Thongwa*, from Moji, etc., Mr. and Mrs. Bell.

Per *Zafiro*, from Manila, Mr. A. Short, Rev. P. S. Slocum, Mr. J. Jurade, Rev. Garces and Mr. Jurado.

Per *Sicilia*, from Yokohama, Col. Purchas, Mr. and Mrs. Lintilhoc and 2 children, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ball, 2 children and nurse, Mr. Walker, Mrs. Howard and Miss Bradford.

Per *Lutzow*, for Hongkong, from Kobe, etc., Mr. M. Taloni, Mr. R. Paterson, Mr. N. Leslie and servant, Fleet-Surgeon Fullhardt, Mr. S. A. Seth, Mr. W. M. Stewart, Mr. J. J. Howard and servant, Mr. W. G. Fischer, Mr. Henry Humphreys, Mr. H. Humphreys, Mr. E. Cruikshank, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Speyer, Mr. P. S. Thorton, Mrs. Bunce, Miss Moore, Mr. T. Dallin and servant, Mr. and Mrs. Henningway, Mrs. Simmons, Miss Levy, Mr. T. H. Porter and Mr. A. Arbini.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	SICILIA Capt. C. H. Watkins, R.N.R.	10 A.M. 25th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	SUNDA Capt. C. E. Irving, R.N.R.	About 30th Dec.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	INDIA Capt. G. W. Gordon, R.N.R.	About 2nd Jan.	Freight and Passage,
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	*DELTA* Capt. E. P. Martin, R.N.R.	Noon, 4th Jan.	*See Special Advertisement.*

All the above Steamers are fitted with Wireless Telegraphy.

For Further Particulars apply to

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th December, 1912. 1

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.
SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SWATOW, AMOY and SHANGHAI	"HOIHOW"	On 25th Dec., Noon.
HONGAY	"CHIHLI"	On 25th Dec., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 26th Dec., 4 P.M.
HAIPHONG	"SUNGKIANG"	On 27th Dec., 10 A.M.
HONGAY	"WUHU"	On 27th Dec., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 28th Dec., M'night.
TSINGTAU, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & DALNY	"CHANGCHOW"	On 31st Dec., Noon.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 31st Dec., 4 P.M.

DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly.
S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANUI."

MANILA LINE—TWIN SCREW STEAMERS "TEAN" and "TAMING," Saloon accommodation Amidships; Electric Fans fitted; Extra State-rooms on Deck, aft. Saloon accommodation of S.S. "KAIFONG" is situated on Deck, aft; Electric Fans fitted.

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These Steamers Land Passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of the transhipment at Woosung.

REDUCED FARES:—SINGLE $45.....RETURN $75.

NEW SERVICE.—SHANGHAI to ANTUNG sailings on alternate Wednesdays.

For Freight or Passage apply to— BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Hongkong, 25th December, 1912. TELEPHONE 36. AGENTS. [8

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IN CONJUNCTION WITH
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Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES, via STRAITS and COLOMBO, to MARSEILLES, HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG and to NEW YORK.

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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

OUTWARD.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA:

S.S. ALTMARK	3rd Jan.
S.S. SILESIA	14th Jan.
S.S. SUEVIA	27th Jan.
S.S. O. J. D. AHLERS	11th Feb.
S.S. SPEZIA	26th Feb.
S.S. SENEGAMBIA	10th Mar.
S.S. SITHONIA	23rd Mar.

For Further Particulars, apply to—

HOMEWARD.

FOR ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG:
S.S. BRASILIA ... 11th Jan.
FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG:
S.S. SAMBIA ... 16th Jan.
FOR ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG:
S.S. FUERST BUELOW 24th Jan.
FOR HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG:
S.S. ARMENIA ... 25th Jan.
FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG:
S.S. ALTMARK ... 5th Feb.
FOR MARSEILLES, BREMEN, HAMBURG & ANTWERP:
S.S. GOLDENFELS ... 7th Feb.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 25th December, 1912. [10

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LD.
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HIGHEST Class, Fastest and Most Luxurious Steamers on the Coast, having Splendid Accommodation for First Class Passengers. Electric Light. Excellent Cuisine.

FOR
SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW AND RETURN.
(Occupying 9 to 10 Days).

STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
"HAICHING" ...	Capt. W. C. Passmore ...	FRIDAY, 27th Dec., at D'light.

FOR SWATOW AND RETURN.
(Occupying 3 Days).

"HAIMUN"	Capt. J. W. Evans ...	SUNDAY, 29th Dec., at 10 A.M.

Steamers will arrive at and Depart from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

For Freight and Passage, apply to— DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & Co.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.
Hongkong, 25th December 1912. [7

THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
MAIL SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA
VIA MANILA.

MAIL SCHEDULE
(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION).

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA.	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA.
ST. ALBANS		On 4th Jan., Noon.
EASTERN	Jan., 10th	On 1st Feb., Noon.
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Speed 21 KNOTS, Displacement 21,000 TONS.

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INTERMEDIATE STEAMER.
Speed 18 KNOTS, Displacement 11,000 TONS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMER	CAPTAIN	DATE OF SAILING.
NIPPON MARU ...	A. G. Stevens	..SATURDAY, 11th Jan., NOON.
TENYO MARU	E. Bent	FRIDAY, 17th Jan., at Noon.
SHINYO MARU	H. S. Smith ...	TUESDAY, 11th Feb., at Noon.
CHIYO MARU	W. W. Greene ...	TUESDAY, 11th Mar., at Noon.

THE S.S. "NIPPON MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 11th January, at Noon.

SOUTH AMERICA LINE.
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The Only Regular Direct Service to MEXICAN, CHILIAN and PERUVIAN PORTS!

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

STEAMER	TONS	DATE OF SAILING.
KIYO MARU	17,500 ...	SATURDAY, 1st Feb., at Noon.
BUYO MARU	10,500 ...	THURSDAY, 3rd April, at Noon.
HONGKONG MARU ...	11,000 ...	WED'DAY, 4th June., at Noon.

ALL STEAMERS are equipped with JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WIRELESS TELEGRAPH APPARATUS and POST OFFICES.

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For Full Particulars as to Passage and Freight, apply to

S. MORIMOTO, AGENT,
King's Building (Opposite Blake Pier).
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REGULAR SERVICES, PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
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TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

Connecting at TACOMA and SEATTLE with
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FOR VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA VIA JAPAN PORTS.

Steamers	Captains	Leaves
* "TACOMA MARU" ...	T. Hamada ...	THURSDAY, 26th Dec., at 2 P.M.
‡ "PANAMA MARU" ...	J. Kanao ...	TUESDAY, 7th Jan., at 2 P.M.
* "SEATTLE MARU" ...	T. Saito ...	THURSDAY, 23rd Jan., at 2 P.M.
† "MEXICO MARU" ...	N. Kobayashi...	WED'DAY, 5th Feb., at 2 P.M.
* "CHICAGO MARU" ...	I. Goto ...	THURSDAY, 20th Feb., at 2 P.M.
†‡ "CANADA MARU" ...	K. Hori ...	WED'DAY, 5th Mar., at 2 P.M.

* Calling at NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI AND YOKOHAMA
† Calling at SHANGHAI, MOJI, " " " "
‡ Calling at KEELUNG.

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SOUTH CHINA COAST AND FORMOSA SERVICE.

FOR FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer	Captain	Leave
"KAIJO MARU" ...	Y. Yamamoto ...	WED'DAY, 1st Jan., at 10 A.M.

FOR TAMSUI VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer	Captain	Leave
"DAIGI MARU" ...	Y. Somekawa ...	SUNDAY, 29th Dec., at 10 A.M.
"DAIJIN MARU" ...	T. Fuchigami ...	

FOR ANPING AND TAKAO VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer	Captain	Leave
"SOSHU MARU" ...	K. Tashira...	WED'DAY, 25th Dec., at 8 A.M.

FOR CANTON.

Steamer	Captain	Leave
"SOSHU MARU" ...	K. Tashira ...	

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SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS AND DISPLACMENET	TONS	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	KAMO MARU Capt. F. L. Sommer,	16,000	WED'DAY, 1st Jan., at Daylight.
	AKI MARU Capt. B. Kon,	12,500	WED'DAY, 15th Jan., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA	§ AWA MARU Capt. R. Shimizu,	12,500	TUESDAY, 31st Dec., at Noon.
	§ SADO MARU Capt. Asakawa,	12,500	TUESDAY, 14th Jan., at Noon.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine,	7,000	WED'DAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi,	9,600	WED'DAY, 12th Feb., at Noon.
CALCUTTA VIA SINGAPORE PENANG & RANGOON ...	‡ COLOMBO MARU Capt. Kawashima,	6,000	SATURDAY, 28th Dec.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	‡ KAMAKURA MARU Capt. T. Hori,	12,500	MONDAY, 6th Jan.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KAGA MARU Capt. G. Tabusa,	12,500	THURSDAY, 2nd Jan., at 11 A.M.
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE			
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi,	9,600	WED'DAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA			

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HONGKONG to PACIFIC COAST points... ...	1st Class	£25
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	2nd Class	£37
Round-the-World, 1st Class throughout, via NEW YORK ...		£102
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N.B.—While the rates are reduced, the excellence of the service in all respects will be maintained as heretofore.

For Further Information as to Freight, Sailing, &c., apply to—
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PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS
HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1913.
FOR
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TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR
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Steamer Tons	Noon, SATURDAY	Steamer Tons	SATURDAY	FRIDAY
INDIA 8000	January 18	MOOLTAN .. 10000	Feb. 15	Feb.
ASSAYE 7500	Feburary 1	MALOJA 12500	Mar. 1	Mar.
HIMALAYA... 7000	February 15	MOREA 11000	Mar. 15	Mar.
DEVANHA ... 8000	March 1	MARMORA ...10500	Mar. 29	April
DELTA 8000	March 15	MEDINA 12500	April 12	April 18
INDIA 8000	March 29	Through Steamer	April 26	May 2
ASSAYE 7500	April 12	MONGOLIA ...10000	May 10	May 16
DEVANHA ... 8000	April 26	MACEDONIA 10500	May 24	May 30
CHINA 8000	May 10	MALWA 11000	June 7	June 13
			SUNDAY	SATURDAY
DELTA 8000	May 24	MOOLTAN ...10000	June 22	June 28

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STEAMERS	TONS	LEAVE HONGKONG	DUE MARSEILLES	DUE LONDON
NOVARA	7000	January 22	February 23	March 5
SUNDA	5700	February 5	March 9	March 19
SARDINIA	7000	February 19	March 23	April 2
SOMALI	7000	March 5	April 6	April 16
NAMUR	7000	March 19	April 20	April 30
NANKIN	7000	April 2	May 4	May 14
NYANZA	7000	April 16	May 18	May 28
NORE	7000	April 30	June 3	June 13
NILE	7000	May 14	June 17	June 27

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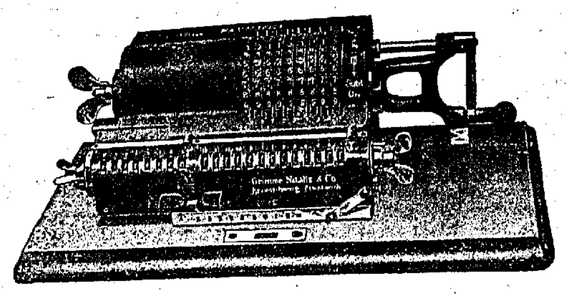

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Hongkong, 25th December, 1912. [48-14

POST OFFICE NOTICE

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

The Post Office will be open on Christmas Day, on Thursday, the 26th inst. and on Wednesday, the 1st January, 1913, from 8 till 9 a.m. only. There will be one delivery of ordinary correspondence and one collection of letters each day as on Sundays.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

The *Prinz Ludwig*, with the German Mail, left Singapore on Saturday, the 21st inst., at 8 p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow, at night.

FOR	PER	DATE
Haiphong and Pakhoi	*Johanne*	Wednesday, 25th, 9.00 A M
Hongay	*Chihli*	Wednesday, 25th, 9.00 A M
Swatow	*Wengkoi*	Wednesday, 25th, 9.00 A M
Swatow	*Haimun*	Wednesday, 25th, 9.00 A M
Straits and Ceylon	*Sicilia*	Wednesday, 25th, 9.00 A M
Swatow, and Amoy	*Hoihow*	Wednesday, 25th, 9.00 A M
Shanghai, North China, and Japan via Kobe	*Dilwara*	Thursday, 26th, 9.00 A M
Tourane	*Helene*	Thursday, 26th, 9.00 A M
Hoihow and Pakhoi	*Mathilde*	Thursday, 26th, 9.00 A M
Haifong and Pakhoi	*Hanoi*	Thursday, 26th, 9.00 A M
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	*Keongwai*	Thursday, 26th, 9.00 A M
Japan via Nagasaki, Victoria and Tacoma	*Tacoma Maru*	Thursday, 26th, 9.00 A M
Macao	*Sui Tai*	Thursday, 26th, 9.00 A M
Shanghai and North China	*Chenan*	Thursday, 26th, 9.00 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Haiching*	Thursday, 26th, 9.00 A M
Haiphong and Pakhoi	*Sungkiang*	Friday, 27th, 9.00 A M
Hongay	*Wuhu*	Friday, 27th, 11.00 A M
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA and JAPAN via NAGASAKI (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)	*Prinz Ludwig*	Friday, 27th, 11.00 A M
Japan via Kobe	*Banri Maru*	Friday, 27th, 11.00 A M
Macao	*Sui Tai*	Friday, 27th, 1.15 P M
Straits and Ceylon	*Dembighshire*	Friday, 27th, 3.00 P M
Shanghai and North China	*Wingsang*	Friday, 27th, 5.00 P M
Philippine Islands	*Loongsang*	Saturday, 28th, 1.00 P M
Macao	*Sui Tai*	Saturday, 28th, 1.15 P M
Philippine Islands	*Zafiro*	Saturday, 28th, 3.00 P M
Philippine Islands, Yap, Maronn, Fredrich Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Herbertshohe, Matupi, Samarai, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Brisbane	*Prinz Waldemar*	Saturday, 28th, 4.00 P M
Shanghai and North China	*Choysang*	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P M
SAIGON, STRAITS, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT and EUROPE via MARSEILLES	*Ernest Simons*	Saturday, 28th, Printed Matter and Samples ... 4.00 P M; Registration ... 4.00 P M; Registration, Kowloon B.O. at ... 3.30 P M; Letters ... 5.00 P M
Shanghai and North China (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)	*Linan*	Saturday, 28th, 5.00 P M
Swatow	*Haimun*	Sunday, 29th, 9.00 A M
Macao	*Sui Tai*	Sunday, 29th, 1.15 P M
Japan via Kuchinotzu, Victoria, Tacoma, Vancouver and Seattle	*Cyclops*	Monday, 30th, 2.00 P M
Straits, and India via Calcutta	*Thongwa*	Monday, 30th, NOON
Tsingtau, Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Dalny	*Changchow*	Tuesday, 31st, 10.00 A M
Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar	*Tjimanock*	Tuesday, 31st, 10.00 A M
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN via NAGASAKI, HONOLULU, CANADA, UNITED STATES and SOUTH AMERICA via SAN FRANCISCO (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)	*Nile*	Tuesday, 31st, Printed Matter, and Samples ... 10.00 A M; Registration ... 10.15 A M (Registration with late fee of 10 cents, up to 11.00 AM); Registration Kowloon B.O. at 9.30 A M; Letters ... NOON
Philippine Islands	*Kaifong*	Tuesday, 31st, 3.00 P M —JANUARY, 1913:—
Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Port Darwin	*St. Albans*	Saturday, 4th, 10.00 A M
STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELAIDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, and EUROPE via BRINDISI (Late Letter 11.00 to NOON. Extra Postage 10 cents), (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) The Parcel mail will be closed Friday, 3rd, January, at 5 p.m.	*Delta*	Saturday, 4th, Printed Matter and Samples ... 10.00 A M; Registration ... 10.15 A M; Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 11.00 A M); Registration, Kowloon B.O. ... 9.30 A M; Letters ... 11.00 A M
Philippine Islands	*Yuensang*	Saturday, 4th, 1.00 P M
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN via NAGASAKI, UNITED STATES, SOUTH AMERICA and CANADA via VANCOUVER (EUROPE VIA SIBERIA)	*Empress of India*	Friday, 10th, Printed Matter and Samples ... 5.00 P M; Registration ... 5.00 P M; Registration, Kowloon B.O. ... 4.00 P M; Letters ... 6.00 P M

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COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
December 24th.

ON LONDON:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	2/-3/32
Bank Bills, on demand	2/-11/32
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	2/-7/8
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2/1-1/32
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/1 3/32
Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	2/1 1/32
ON PARIS:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	250 1/2
Credits, at 4 months' sight	265 1/2
ON GERMANY:—	
On demand	211 1/2
ON NEW YORK:—	
Bank Bills, on demand	50 1/2
Credits, at 60 days' sight	51 1/8
ON BOMBAY:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	153 1/4
Bank, on demand	153 1/2
ON CALCUTTA:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	153 1/4
Bank, on demand	153 1/2
ON SHANGHAI:—	
Bank, at sight	71 3/8
Private, 30 days' sight	72 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA:—On demand	100 1/4
ON MANILA:—On demand—Pesos—101 1/4	
ON SINGAPORE:—On demand	88 1/2
ON BATAVIA:—On demand	124 3/8
ON AIPHONG:—On demand	1 % pm.
ON SAIGON:—On demand	3/4 "
ON BANGKOK:—On demand	74 1/4
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate	$9.65
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	$50.60
BAR SILVER, per oz.	28 1/4

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

		per cent
Chinese	20 cents pieces	$6.43 discount
Chinese	10 "	$6.95 "
Hongkong	20 "	$4.00 "
Hongkong	10 "	$6.85 "

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

London Date	Due Shanghai
December 5th.	December 21st.
December 6th.	December 23rd.

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 24TH DECEMBER, 1912.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS.—				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	$125	all	$830, sal. & buy. L'don £84 10/-
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	$12	all	$9½, buyers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	$5	all	$2.90, sellers
	50,000	$1	all	
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ld.	200,000	$10	all	$9, buyers
COTTON MILLS.—				
Ewo Cotton Spin'g. & Weaving Co., Ld.	20,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 121, buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ld	125,000	$10	all	$8½, buyers
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	$7½		$21½, buyers
DOCKS AND WHARVES.—				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ld.	60,000	$50	all	$76½, buyers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ld.	50,000	$50	all	$56, buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	$6¼	all	$6⅜, buyers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ld	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 52½, buyers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co., Ld.	36,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 103
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	$10	all	$4½, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	$10	all	$25½, buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	$50	all	$115
	8,000		$25	$73
Manila Metropole Hotel Limited	15,000	Ps. 10	all	P8½
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	$25	all	$200
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	$10	all	$19, buyers
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ld.	15,000	$10	$7	$2, buyers
INSURANCES.—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	$250	$50	$270
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	$100	$20	$148, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	$83.33	$25	$100
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	$250	$50	$378, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	£15	£5	Tls. 135
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	$250	$100	$817½, sellers
Yangtsze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	$100	$60	$192½, @ Ex 73
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ld.	50,000	$100	all	$105
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ld.	150,000	$10	all	$8⅛
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ld.	6,000	$50	$30	$36, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 91
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	$50	all	$57, buyers
Maatschappij tot Mijn-, Bosch-en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat	25,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 73
MINING.—				
Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ld.	1,000,000	£1	all	35/-
Tronoh Mines, Limited	160,000	£1	all	80/-, buyers
Heawood Tin and Rubber Estate, Ld.	822,080	2/-	all	4/-
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ld.	200,000	£1	all	$4½
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	25,000	$10	all	$11½, buyers
	50,000	$10	$1	$1
Philippine Co., Limited	75,000	$10	all	$5
REFINERIES.—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	$100	all	$106, sal. & buy.
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	$100	all	$34½, sellers
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ld.	30,000	$25	all	$13, sales
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	$50	all	$34½, buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.B. Co., Ld.	80,000	$10	all	$28½, sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ld	60,000 pref. 60,000 def.	£5	all	$88 L'don £8 10/-
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,500,000	£1	all	111/6
Star Ferry Company, Limited	30,000	$10	all	$36, sellers
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	$25	all	$22
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	$5	all	$4½, buyers
STORES AND DISPENSARIES.—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	$10	all	$25
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	$7	all	$8¾, buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	$10	all	$3½, buyers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	$10	all	$6, buyers
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	$10	all	$17, buyers
Gande, Price & Co., Ltd.	50,000	$10	all	$6
Societe des Pulpes et Papeteries du Tonkin	13,200	$50	all	$30, sellers
Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ld.	15,000	$10	all	$10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy. 100 fders	$10	$4	$9½, sellers
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	$10	all	$300.
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ld.	325,000	5/-	all	$14
				5/-, sellers

RUBBER.— *Daily Wire*

Para Rubber in London ... ... 4/6 per lb., sellers.

Loans.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1886	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7% p. annum	Par.

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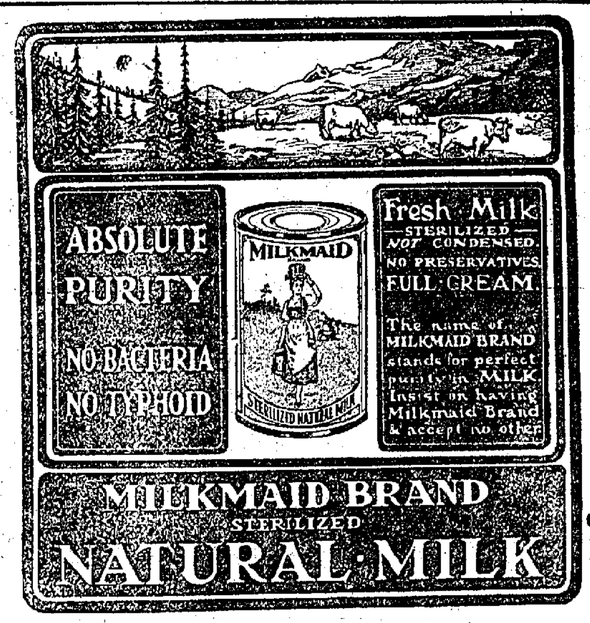

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TO-DAY

Christmas Day.

TO-NIGHT

9.15 P.M.—Bijou Scenic Theatre.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Thursday, 26th Dec.:—
9.15 P.M.—Ferris Hartman Co. at the Theatre Royal.—One Night Off.
Friday, 27th Dec.:—
9.15 P.M.—Ferris Hartman Co. at the Theatre Royal.—"A Trip Abroad."
Saturday, 28th Dec.:—
9.15 P.M.—Ferris Hartman Co. at the Theatre Royal.—"The Girl and the Boy."
Monday, 30th Dec.:—
9.15 P.M.—Ferris Hartman Co. at the Theatre Royal.—"Dream City."
Wednesday, 1st Jan.:—
New Year Day.
Tuesday, 7th Jan.:—
9.15 P.M.—Allan Wilkie Co. at the Theatre Royal.—"A Bunch of Violets."

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 25th to 31st December, 1912.

		HIGH WATER.			LOW WATER.	
Days of Week.	Days of Month	H'kong. Mean Time.	Height.		H'kong. Mean Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft.	in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Wed.	25	m 11 10	4	3	m 3 41	0 2
		9 26 a	8	8	1 51 a	3 5
Thurs.	26	0 3 a	4	2	m 4 25	0 1
		10 14 a	8	7	2 32 a	3 5
Fri.	27	0 55 a	4	2	m 5 11	0 2
		11 26 a	8	3	3 18	3 5
Satur.	28	1 46 a	4	3	m 6 48	0 5
					5 6 a	3 7
Sun.	29	m 0 0	7	6	m 7 39	1 0
		2 38 a	4	5	6 14 a	3 8
Mon.	30	m 1 18	6	8	m 8 31	1 5
		3 30 a	4	8	7 40 a	3 9
Tues.	31	m 2 46	6	1	m 9 23	2 1
		4 20 a	5	2	9 52 a	3 7

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